

MEDIA ADVISORY

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) FRANKLIN COUNTY UPDATE

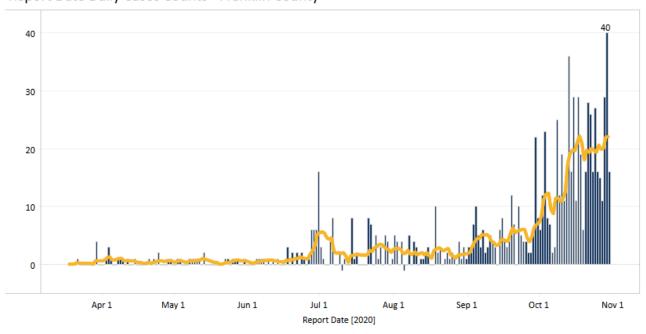
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Rocky Mount, Virginia — As area residents and visitors look to enjoy this Halloween Weekend, Franklin County **urges** citizens help one another to work in reducing community spread of COVID-19 in the County. VDH reports approximately **902 confirmed** COVID cases in Franklin County. The 7-day average number of new daily cases reported is 22, a significantly higher number than the County has seen thus far. A record increase of 40 new daily cases in Franklin County was reported on Thursday.

Please see the below visual showing the recent increase in cases in Franklin County.



Report Date Daily Cases Counts - Franklin County



With the recent increase of COVID positive cases in the greater region, Franklin County expresses it is **vitally important** for area residents and visitors to continue to adhere to wearing facial coverings or masks in public areas; exercise social distancing; and practice good hand hygiene. <u>Such measures are critical in an effort for not only one's personal health, but also for the health of the County's hospital, nursing home, first responders and other medical care workers during the ongoing pandemic. The County urges everyone to take the necessary precautions and help keep the medical community safe at this time.</u>



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Franklin County officials continue to actively monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, thereby offering guidance and collaboration with local / state officials, health care providers, first responders, schools, businesses, social service agencies, etc. For more information, visit our <u>COVID-19 page</u> at https://www.franklincountyva.gov/678/Coronavirus-COVID-19.

Local Department of Health- https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/west-piedmont/

Virginia Department of Health - http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

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